

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 16, 20-25 and 28-34 have been amended and claims 18-19 have been canceled.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 16 based on certain informalities. Applicant has amended such claims to overcome the objection thereto. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests approval of the amendments to such claims and withdrawal of the objection thereto.

Claims 27 and 31 were objected to because of improper multiple dependency on another multiple dependent claim. The claims from which such claims depend have been amended and are no longer multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests approval of such claims and withdrawal of the objection thereto.

The Examiner has rejected claims 18/22 and 18/23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Claim 18 has been canceled.

Accordingly the rejection to claims 18/22 and 18/23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite is now moot. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection to such claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8-19, 19/20, 18/24-26, 18/28-20, and 18/32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,679,189 (Olson et al.). Claims 18-19 have been canceled. Accordingly the rejection to claims 8-19, 19/20, 18/24-26, 18/28-20, and 18/32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) is now moot. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection to such claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 that were indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. In view of such amendments, the rejections to claims 1 and 16 under §102(a) are now moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims and withdrawal of the rejection to such claims. Claims 20 and 22-34 depend on claims 1 and 16, respectfully and are allowable for the reasons advanced with

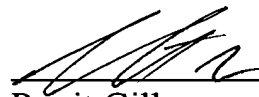
respect to claims 1 and 16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims and withdrawal of the rejection to such claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

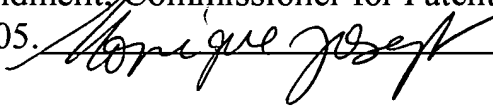
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